

The regular meeting of the Groveland Town Board was held on Thursday July 10, 2014 at the Town Hall.

Present: Bill Carman, Supervisor; John Driscoll, Town Councilman & Deputy Supervisor; Craig Phelps, James Love, Bill Devine, Councilman; Greg Adamson, Highway Superintendent

Absent: None

Other Attendees: None

Supervisor handed out the Town Clerk & Supervisors monthly financial reports.

Supervisor called the meeting to order 7:42 p.m.

A motion by Councilman Driscoll and seconded by Councilman Love the audited bills be paid. General Fund vouchers numbered 166-191 for \$10,783.10; Highway Fund vouchers numbered 129-143 for \$20,755.92; Cemetery Fund voucher number 10 for \$300; Fire & Ambulance Fund voucher number 2 for \$2,150.

A motion by Councilman Phelps and seconded by Councilman Devine to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2014 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Councilman Phelps and seconded by Councilman Driscoll to accept the monthly financial reports with clarification to come regarding Page 4 & Page 7 to the summary pages as they don't seem to balance. Motion carried unanimously.

Information handed out/or acknowledged:

- 1) Payroll available for review
- 2) Community Picnic planned for August 3rd to include FD 75th celebration – tickets on sale!
- 3) Livingston County Croquet tournament July 19th
- 4) Democrat caucus rescheduled to July 22nd @ 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall
- 5) Senator Patrick Gallivan will be at the Town Hall 7/22/14 from Noon to 12:45 for open discussion
- 6) Assessor Tammy Baker out of Geneseo/Groveland office the week of July 14th for mandatory training
- 7) Livingston County is updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan – will require each town to update portions
- 8) Motorcycle awareness signs available at town hall if anyone interested
- 9) State completed the annual inspection of the County Dog Control Facility – passed
- 10) Application ready for the NYMIR insurance bid once claim loss list is received
- 11) Telephone pole relocation request in parking lot – waiting for cost
- 12) Notice of Claim filed with insurance company
- 13) Small Claims filed for Assessment grievance – hearing generally in September

Old/New Business:

HIGHWAY REPORT – Greg reported the crew has completed pipe dugouts on Logan Road. With the county work we have earned the money we had hoped for. The crew is planning on ditches and culverts on Wilson Road next week. Sealing projects are planned for end of July weather permitting.

DAVID GRAY HILL ROAD DISCONTINUANCE – after reading the information from the Association of Towns before final determination whether appropriate to close the Seasonal portion of David Gray Hill Road from the damage caused from the heavy rains that occurred early May. Greg is working on forms for the discontinuance with the neighboring properties.

APPOINTMENT – COURT CLERK – At the last meeting the board gave permission to allow the justices to hire a fourth court clerk to help manage the work load. The justices have since offered the position to Stephanie Sage to work part-time.

A motion by Councilman Phelps and seconded by Councilman Driscoll to appoint Stephanie Sage as a part-time court clerk effective 6/23/14 @ \$12.00 per hour to help fill budgeted hours. Motion carried unanimously.

AMBUSCADE PARK – design update – Committee members; John Driscoll & Bill Devine reported that Mosseim has dropped the ball a bit and are concerned with timelines and them hearing our needs. Board decided the committee should send a letter for the 6/13/14 email clarifications along with the material costs. All agreed as stated in the contract we should not be reimbursing them for expenses until the end of the project which is how it was written.

AMBULANCE CONTRACT – Town Clerk stated a check for \$2,150 was mailed; the Village Clerk contacted our office today and wanted to know if it was a partial payment. I mentioned a letter would soon follow. Also, stated since last months board meeting we received a response from Mayor Hatheway to our May 19th letter. Board Discussion:

Supervisor Carman stated yes the county ambulance can take over but would like to the option to have Geneseo continue servicing us or have them opt out themselves. They as well as we have to position to opt out with a 90 day notice. The county does not charge for non-transport.

Board: There is concern on the number of calls listing over 1600+ calls and not have the ability to get the basic information and wondered how they know they had 43 non transports. It seems there is a true value for the Village of Geneseo servicing our area with the reimbursement from insurance companies and truly feel we are in a position to expect justification for fees. Supervisor Carman will send a letter.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL FINANCIAL – Town Clerk provided copies of the report to take home on 6/12/14 for review. The board has reviewed and compared it to the 2013 report as the numbers seemed unclear. All agreed additional clarification would be needed before accepting and request a representative of the Fire Department to attend the next meeting. Town Clerk will notify.

FIRE DISTRICT – AG EXEMPTION SHOW FIGURES – Assessor Tammy Baker provided a break down since the Final Assessment is completed. If a direction the town wants to go has to be decided before March 1st to start the referendum process.

<u>2014 FIRE TAX RATE</u>	<u>2014 AG LAND ASSESSED \$\$ TOTAL</u>	<u>2014 AG LAND EXEMPTION \$\$</u>	<u>2014 AG LAND TAXABLE \$\$</u>
0.49651	\$29,731,400	\$0 0.00%	\$29,731,400
	<u>2015</u> 57,240,000		<u>2015</u> \$43,316,100

<u>PROPOSED TAX RATES IF AG LAND IS EXEMPT WITH FIRE DISTRICT APPROVAL =</u>			
	\$57,240,000	\$31,967,714 55.85%	\$25,272,286

	<u>2015</u>	<u>Total Ag Exempt.</u>	
	\$57,240,000		
2014 Fire District Taxable Value		\$193,881,098	
2015 Fire District Taxable Value		\$211,983,216	
		\$18,102,118	Increase in Taxable Value
2014 Fire District Tax Levy			\$96,264 Original Figure

Fire District Tax Levy 96,264 / Fire District Taxable Value 193,881,098= .001895147* 1000= .49651

Fire District Tax Levy were to remain the same on the original figure of 96,624

Optional 2015 Fire District Tax Levy 96,264 / Fire District Taxable Value 180,015,502 = .000534754*1000 = .534753946

This has to be voted on and then put on the 2015 Final Roll, the first time it would be seen would be for the 2016 FD tax

FIRE DEPARTMENT – RESOLUTION 37-2014 - 75 YEARS OF SERVICE - Supervisor Carman had the resolution prepared and in hopes to present at the August 3rd Community Picnic. Motion by Councilman Phelps and seconded by Councilman Devine to accept as presented. Motion carried. A signed copy will be entered into the minute book.

WHEREAS, a Town is only as great as those persons who demonstrate exemplary service to their community, whether through participation in voluntary programs, through unique personal achievement in their professional or other endeavors or simply through a lifetime of good citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this government is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Groveland Volunteer Fire Department of the Town of Groveland, in Livingston County, New York to be celebrated at the Community Picnic August 3, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The fire company started in 1939 to provide emergency service protection such as Fire protection, Rescue Operations and Water Problems with its unique two locations in the Station on up on the Hill ; now, therefore, but it

RESOLVED, That the Groveland Town Board pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Groveland Volunteer Fire Department, recognizing the significance of the role it continues to play in the life of the community of the Town of Groveland; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution, suitably held, be transmitted to the Groveland Volunteer Fire Department.

RESOLUTION 36-2014 – BUDGET LINE TRANSFERS - That the Groveland Town Board members do hereby authorize Baldwin Business Service to make the account transfers within the adopted budget with the line items mentioned: It was stated from Baldwin's office the highway transfers do not show balanced as we are waiting for the funds to be returned from the county for the highway work.

GENERAL FUNDS

<i>Transfer</i>			
<i>From:</i>	A1990.4	Contingency	\$ 2000.00
		Unanticipated Revenue	
	A1081	Pymt. In lieu if Taxes	\$ 721.50
	A2705	Gifts & Donation	\$ 2,448.68
		TOTAL:	\$ 5,170.18
<i>Transfer</i>			
<i>To:</i>	A1440.4	Engineer Cont.	\$ 1,569.50
	A1620.1	Building Services	\$ 1,152.00
	A7110.1	Parks Contractual	\$ 818.02
	A7550.4	Celebrations	\$ 1,630.66
		TOTAL:	\$ 5,170.18

HIGHWAY FUNDS

Unanticipated Revenue

<i>Transfer</i>			
<i>From:</i>	DA2665	Sales of Equipment	\$ 23,800.00
	DA2650	Sale of scrap	\$ 6,356.70
		Truck Reserve	\$ 40,000.00
		TOTAL:	\$ 70,156.70
<i>Transfer</i>			
<i>To:</i>	DA5130.2	Machinery Equipment	\$ 91,130.76
		TOTAL:	\$ 91,130.76

WATER FUND

<i>Transfer</i>		\$ 2,220.00
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From: Unexpected Balance

TOTAL: \$ 2,220.00

Transfer

To: SW9710.6

Debt Principal

\$ 2,220.00

TOTAL: \$ 2,220.00

The question of the adoption of the foregoing RESOLUTION was put into vote. Motion by Councilman Phelps and seconded by Councilman Driscoll and the results were carried with 0 nay 5 aye votes.

CLERK COMPUTER – 1 of 2 internal hard-drives crashed – looking for replacement – already lost Butler (Code) and in need of new software for code. IT guy has found another internal hard-drive and will be installing tomorrow. Code Enforcement Budget quotes are anywhere from \$4,000-\$6,800.

BUDGET WORKSHOP - 2015 – Supervisor Carman has met with Baldwin Business and has gone through a few possible budget scenarios and truly is at a loss for where we can improve. He opted to try to a blank budget as a board and see what everyone's thoughts. The blank provided includes each department and their requests; the object is to fill in each line item with what as a board feels is appropriate to fill. We will not know tonight what this will give us a tax rate but a start.

Helpful info:

- We would have to cut \$150,000 to stay at current tax rate even with the new \$7 million raised tax levy and does not include what increase we will see from Health Care or Retirement.
- NYS Comptroller/Baldwin recommendation of surplus balances are \$60,000 in GF & \$100,000 in HF and currently have about \$55,000 in GF and \$ 51,000 in HF if we use what is scheduled in the 2014 budget
- Health Insurance has notified us of a estimated 16.7% increase in premiums
- Approximate \$17,600 needs to be shifted from HF to GF this year to correct previous years.
- We will lose \$25,000 of Multi Motto funds in HF
- Also remember the Tax Cap laws changed this year "FREEZE" based on if we stay under cap! (Freeze" – is a possible rebate check to town citizens)

Supervisor Carman explained this is a very elaborate calculation based on your assessment so basically the assessed values in our area the rebate checks if all governments were able to stay under cap is less than a \$100 rebate check. The Governor is trying to sell this based on \$300,000 plus homes in the NYC areas and not realistic in our area.

Open Discussion: Supervisor has mentioned Greg's budget he requested \$50,000 Reserve Fund which I encouraged him to put in. Greg stated he is happy to have some say in his budget where in previous years has not had input.

Supervisor also stated with the court budget he has checked with Stephanie who stated despite her sickness the workload is not behind. Their budgeted hours of 55 per week have not been utilized even with 4 clerks, but suggested we not cut drastically in case Stephanie Schweitzer is unable to return from the maternity leave. Councilman Phelps indicated with the blank and the numbers estimated with the board shows to be a \$1.00 per thousand in crease in the tax rate. Supervisor Carman stated that is exactly what our 1st budget came up with at Baldwin's. He provided his revised budget labeled as #3 to take home and have each board member review carefully and provide ideas at the next meeting.

Communications:

Town Clerk is in receipt of an email message regarding the Time Warner Franchise conversion to Comcast from Cohen Group you last week regarding a proposal we sent to the Town of Darien as well as seven other municipalities. We wanted Groveland to possibly consider joining this group in the cable franchise transfer and renewal project; however, the amount quoted in the transfer in this proposal is \$2,000. Should Groveland consider joining this group, we would still honor the price of \$1,500 for the transfer portion of the project

should the Town want to join. Plus, the Town can take advantage of the discounts available to this price as well as the base cable franchise price listed in this proposal. The Town can receive up to a 30% discount on the base price of our attorneys' fees.

The overall figure is \$1,500 for the transfer of franchise contract and \$9,000 to negotiate a better contract. The board has not seen any proof to show a \$10,000 savings to justify utilizing the special attorney and respectfully decline the Cohen proposal.

Supervisor Carman attended a county meeting regarding the brine plant in Cuylerville. Everyone is still waiting for a bond proposal to protect the aquifer or take the \$20 million bond to dismantle the brine plant. There is an option of a private entity to buy brine to run fracturing water through it.

Supervisor Carman as he is comfortable having a competitive insurance bid but wants to make sure we consider what we may lose without having an agent if we so choose to go directly with NYMIR.

Supervisor Carman has confirmed the Correctional Facility waterline is now at the NYS Comptrollers office; which is the last step before the go ahead on a definite go ahead. He has no idea how long it can take at this level.

Supervisor Carman reminded the board that Senator Gallivan will be her on 7/22 from 12:00 to 12:45 p.m. it is open to anyone to come ask questions.

A motion by Councilman Driscoll and seconded by Councilman Phelps to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on Thursday August 14, 2014 @ 7:30 p.m. at the town hall.

Dated: July 10, 2014
Town of Groveland

Sandra L. Bean, Town Clerk